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David Vows to Slay Goliath

by Rose Davis

It was a standing room only crowd that assembled at the home of Dr. Shirley Phelps and her daughter Cheryl Althea Phelps for a condensed, power-packed, speed drill political education. Progressive San Diegans heeded the call to come together. The think tank caucus was held at a festive holiday fundraiser.

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Photography by Rochelle Porter/ Peaché Photo Memories

David Alvarez candidate for Mayor of San Diego has sparked a movement that has enlivened the the city's populist coalitions. He appeals to his large and growing group of supporters at an animated holiday fundraiser at the home of Cheryl Alethia Phelps.

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Health Center Names Chief Medical Officer from Menominee Nation

Story and Photos by Alaina Dall

Covering the back wall of Dr. Melissa E. H. Deer's office is a Pendleton medicine wheel blanket woven in earthy colors representing the four directions. Her parents gave it to her in recognition of one of her greatest accomplishments – becoming a medical doctor. As of October 1, 2013, Dr. Deer is the new Chief Medical Officer at San Diego American Indian Health Center.

Now in its 35th year, SDAIHC serves thousands of urban American Indians each year, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services, as well as cultural and traditional programming such as weekly talking circles, cultural arts classes, and a youth center. Established in 1979 and contracted with the Indian Health Service to serve individuals of American Indian ancestry, the organization has grown to become a comprehensive community clinic open to everyone. SDAIHC is conveniently located on 1st Avenue, just west of Balboa Park, San Diego, CA.

Dr. Deer comes from a family of health

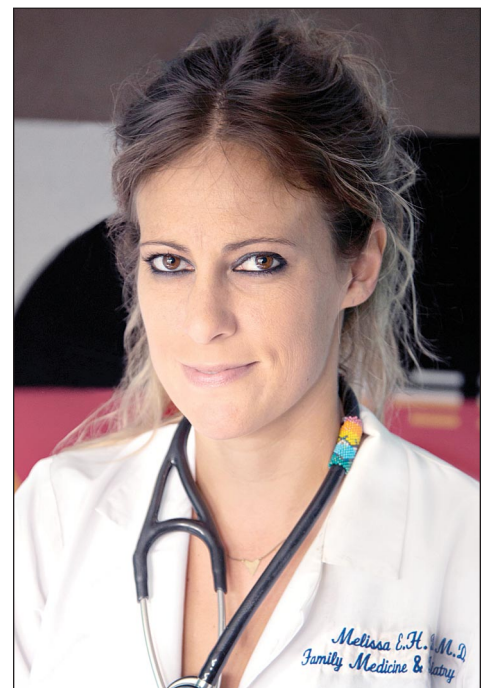
providers. Her grandmother was a nurse, and her mother and aunt are nurses as well. Her aunt has championed national Indian policies in the course of her career.

The importance of education was emphasized in her family, and she knew from her early teens that she wanted to be a physician. She describes the profession as a calling inspired by “a desire to help other people and to address the injustices that have happened to Native people that I have seen play out in my own family.”

While Dr. Deer had strong role models in her family, she also saw the effects of despair. “I saw how alcoholism ruin family dynamics. It is a common narrative that our people experience.”

Her grandfather was a full-blooded Menominee, a tribe located in Wisconsin. He was removed from his home at an early age and put into a boarding school. While there, he wasn't allowed to speak his native language and he felt shame as his cultural identity and traditions were methodically stripped away from him.

Her father grew up on the Menominee reservation in a one-room log cabin with-

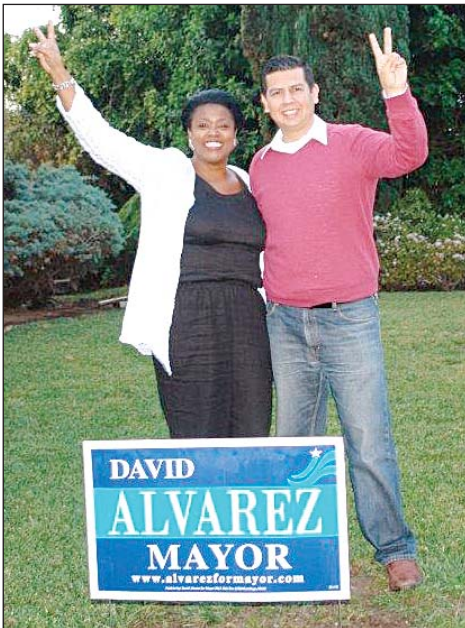


out running water or electricity. He is a Vietnam veteran, and suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder – a poorly understood affliction at the time -- upon his

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David Alvarez

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Cheryl Phelps and David Alvarez welcome the guests to the fundraising gala.

The animated crowd thirsted for the primal need of communion and unity. This multi-generational/cultural assemblage had a collective agenda which translated into getting David Alvarez elected mayor of San Diego. The relaxing sounds wafting through the air promoted open, candid communication. The Phelps' collection of museum quality African masks and artifacts seemed to call for indigenous wisdom.

After an enjoyable meet and greet the



Mary Salas, Chula Vista Councilwoman; Hon. Leon Williams, Former SD County Supervisor; CA Assemblymember Shirley Weber; Dr. Shirley Phelps and Cheryl Althea Phelps.

Asian American Pacific Islander Leaders Endorse Councilmember David Alvarez

A diverse group of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) leaders, including Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) President Johanna Hester and entrepreneur, Dr. Allen Chan, joined Councilmember David Alvarez to endorse his candidacy for Mayor at Bay Terraces Community Park San Diego, CA Friday, January 10, 2014

- Johanna Hester, APALA President
- Dr. Allen Chan - Entrepreneur & Business Owner, Jasmine Seafood Restaurant
- Frank Vuong – President & Co-Founder, Little Saigon San Diego Foundation
- David Alvarez, City Councilmember

political message was cast: time for the gavel to fall on the main agenda item. The leadership arm of the San Diego progressive community was locking arms preparing to march forward against the developer cabal.

Seasoned political veterans, elected officials, political scientists, business people wanting to be on the winning side, democratic loyalists, truth seekers and everybody else was there.

David Alvarez was born in 1980. He serves as a San Diego City Councilmember representing City Council District 8. He is a Democrat. District 8 includes the neighborhoods of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Golden Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa West, Otay Mesa East, San Ysidro, Sherman Heights, Southcrest, Stockton, and the Tijuana River Valley.

Alvarez was born in San Diego to Jose and Maria Alvarez and has four brothers and one sister. He grew up in Barrio Logan. He attended local public schools: Perkins Elementary, Memorial Junior High, and San Diego High School. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. He graduated with honors from San Diego State University. Alvarez, his wife Xochitl, and their daughter reside in Logan Heights.

Dr. Shirley Weber took center stage indicating her commitment to getting David Alvarez elected. As the first black assembly woman elected to represent San Diego. It was *deja vu* all over again.

The Grand Dame of electoral politics and community icon has "been there done that".

Moving forward

Forward motion is the theme. Little comment was wasted alluding to the reason why this special campaign was even necessary. Dr. Weber stated, "As it turned out, the good old

and candidate for Mayor

- Asian American Pacific Islander community supporters

The AAPI communities, north and south of Interstate 8, have had a rich history in San Diego and are one of the fastest growing minority groups across the city. This event highlights Councilmember Alvarez's plans to support sustainable and revitalized neighborhoods through parks and recreation centers, fostering a growing economy, and increased funding for services that working families need.

More information can be found at www.AlvarezforMayor.com

days weren't the good old days for us. We will work to make sure that the 11th floor at City Hall represents our interests and not just those of developers."

The people are awakening. For many indigenous people silence has been a safe and comfortable path to walk. This is understandable considering that it is just over a hundred years ago that there was a bounty on the head of a Kumeyaay, forcing them into the mountains or into blending with the Mexican community. In alliance with other groups there is now a chance to educate the power elite and encourage them to evolve from the reptilian brained cocoon with a new value structure not based on greed. They can be encouraged to abandon their pathologically confused concept of morality and get in touch with their humanness. Dr. Weber introduced David Alvarez who articulated a down to earth people oriented focus. The inter-connectedness of the group resonated. "I need your ongoing help, not just getting elected but assist-



David Alvarez, Mayoral Candidate; Hon. Leon Williams, Former SD County Supervisor and Cheryl Althea Phelps join the discussion.

ing with confronting those who undermine the democratic process.

The afternoon was enlightening, motivational, encouraging and powerful. There was much touching, hugging and love.



TJ Dunnivant, Kathleen Harmon and Carol Jeffries, Members of the Black American Political Association of California - San Diego Chapter lock arms to move forward.



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Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association Substance Abuse Update

Meeting Date: December 13th, 2013

Update from David "Wolf" Diaz

On October 30, 2013 a very special meeting took place in honor of all who have gone before us. This meeting brought the Southern Indian Health Clinic, the Rincon Indian Health Clinic, the Riverside-San Bernardino Indian Health Clinic, the Substance Abuse Committee and guest speaker Eddie Grijalva together in one room with the intentions of saving lives and walking the healing circle. There were a total of 24 participants from the above mentioned organizations. The agenda and discussions for this meeting centered on creating a culturally appropriate adult residential treatment facility within one of the local reservations.

As we discussed various aspects of this proposed facility and asked the right questions it was decided that there should be members from each organization represented and elected to form an expanded subcommittee to achieve this

goal of creating this treatment facility. Our guest speaker Eddie Grijalva impressed upon us the importance of including the Trauma Informed Care combined with the ACE study as one of the latest cutting edge evidence-based modalities not only for the clients but the staff as well as at this facility. Chairman Pico contacted SIHC and they will keep him informed they will be getting together with the Northern Indian Health Council in the next couple of weeks to begin the process of an adult treatment facility further stating they will keep him abreast on the progress.

We will be needing copies of the new committee members from SIHC, IHC, UIHC, and SBIHC. The Substance Abuse Committee will be having a February 2014 meeting with the recently expanded committee on the new treatment facility. Our next Substance Abuse Committee meeting will be held on January 17th 2013.

Now, for a Walk of the Warrior update, I have recently returned from London, England after being invited by

Lord Stone to attend a meeting at the Palace of Westminster and the House of Lords. Lord Stone of Blackheath is a Parliament Member who has expressed interest in Walk of the Warrior and my involvement with SCTCA and the Substance Abuse Committee. Upon discussing our interest in creating a treatment facility Lord Stone offered us help in raising funds through the form of allowing us to write an article in a widely published award winning European magazine called "Resurgence & Ecologist".

Part of this magazine's vision statement is that humanity is at ease with itself and is in harmony with the natural world; a vision where spiritual fulfillment and material wellbeing are in balance and science is in constant conversation with wisdom; their vision is not driven by doom and gloom; rather it is inspired and motivated by love of nature, respect for the earth, reverence for all life and a fair 'deal' to all people, believing that the power of love is greater than the force of fear and despair. Resurgence presents and promotes a positive perspective which is based on a foundation of optimism and hope. Resurgence (now Resurgence & Ecologist) magazine has been in publication for the past 45 years and in order to

secure its future The Resurgence Trust has been formed in the conviction that humankind is capable of rising to the challenges of our time by using its potential, its imagination and its creativity. The transforming power of the human spirit can bring about social, political and economic transformation to ensure the wellbeing of future generations. The Resurgence Trust, in collaboration with like-minded individuals and organizations, will work towards the realization of such a vision as we believe that urgent action is needed to stem the tide of global catastrophe, but that action must be embedded in human wisdom which can help us to live joyfully and justly within the carrying capacity of the earth.

This is an incredible opportunity because of the great love and interest in Europe for American Indian teachings and traditions. It is in my knowledge that only the Creator can open these kinds of doors and present these kinds of situations. I have been invited back by other Parliament Members who have expressed similar views and more will be revealed.

*Substance Abuse Committee: Eric LaChappa, Mark Romero, David "Wolf" Diaz & Anthony Pico
SCTCA Staff: Denis Turner, Executive Director & Recording Secretary*

First Native American Judge Appointed



by Richard K. De Atley

Sunshine S. Sykes is the first Native American to sit on the Riverside County Superior Court bench. Attorney Sunshine S. Sykes became Riverside County Superior Court's first Native American judge when she was appointed to the bench by Governor Jerry Brown Thursday, December 5. At the same time Brown also announced the appointment of Khymerli S.Y. Apaloo as San Bernardino County Superior Court judge. She had been serving as a commissioner. Apaloo, 43, is from Rancho

Cucamonga. Sykes, 39, of Riverside, has been a deputy county counsel at the Riverside County Office of County Counsel since 2005. The graduate of Stanford University Law School, where she also earned her undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree, is a member of the Navajo Nation. She was a contract attorney at the Juvenile Defense Panel from 2003 to 2005. Sykes was a staff attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow at the California Indian Legal Services from 2001 to 2003, according to a release from the governor's press office. Sykes fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Randall White. Riverside County Superior Court Presiding Judge Mark Cope said Sykes will be sworn in to her new post before the first of the year. "I have heard so many good things about her," Cope said in a phone interview. "I am thrilled not only to have an appointment, but this particular appointment. It sounds like she is going to be a fantastic addition to our bench," he said of Sykes. Khymerli S. Y. Apaloo Before Apaloo was appointed a San Bernardino County commissioner in 2012, she was a partner at the Haslam and Perri law firm from 2003 to 2012 and an associate attorney at Covington and Crowe from 1998 to 2003. She earned her law degree from the New York University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California, Berkeley. Apaloo fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Martin.

Nevada Governor's Conference on Tourism

Domestic, international buyers offer business-building opportunities at 2013 Governor's Conference

For the first time in Las Vegas, the 2013 Governor's Conference on Tourism includes a robust business-building opportunity for Nevada tourism entities. The Nevada Marketplace will bring 41 domestic and international buyers for one-one-one meetings with conference attendees. The buyers represent travel agencies, tour operators, airlines and wholesalers from key international markets including China, South Korea and Japan.

"The informational and networking opportunities at the Governor's Conference are instrumental in keeping our travel industry competitive," said Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki's "Tourism is the state's primary industry, generating \$58 billion in spending in 2012; we want to safeguard this industry and to help it continue its upward trajectory."

Attendees also heard from a stellar lineup of internationally renowned speakers, including noted author and consumer insights expert James A. Taylor; brand and destination marketing guru Duane Knapp; generational marketing pioneer Chuck Underwood; and global tourism safety consultant Peter Tarlow.

The conference offered general ses-

sions and several concurrent sessions. Of particular interest was Focus on Asia panel — Lt. Gov. Krolicki moderated a panel discussing how to maximize opportunities in the Asian market. Panelists are NCOT Deputy Director of Tourism Larry Friedman; Karen Chen, NCOT representative in China; Amy Lee, NCOT representative in South Korea; Kyoko Okabe, the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority representative in Japan; Ruth Kim of the LVCVA; and Andrew Edelfsen of U.S. Commercial Services.

"By focusing on the most relevant topics in tourism today, we hope to provide Nevada's tourism professionals with the tools they need to develop innovative marketing platforms," Claudia Vecchio, director of the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, said.

Indian Voices welcomed the opportunity to network and build relationships with the attendees in order to further assist with the establishment and growth of tourism in San Diego and Southern California. Meeting Sherry Reput, Indian Commission Executive Director of was a wonderful experience. Another highlight was meeting and sharing information with Cory Brooks of the Blue Man Group who encouraged networking and staying in touch.

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return. Despite these hardships, he pursued a college education, as did three out of four of his siblings.

Dr. Deer's parents had the expectation that she would graduate from college as well, and she did with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"There was always a strong commitment to give back in my family, as it is in the Native community. If you are given gifts, such as education, you give back. It was something that I didn't question. It was something that was in my blood," she said.

While attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Medical School in Minneapolis, she continued the tradition of giving back. She became involved in the urban Indian community by engaging in Indian advocacy activities with other Native students at the university, and encouraging minority high school and undergraduate college students to consider medical school.

After completing medical school, Dr. Deer went to the University of California San Diego's Combined Family Medicine and Psychiatry Residency Program. Again, advocacy and cultural awareness were important motivations for her at this time. She worked with other residents in her program to add a cultural training component to psychiatry grand rounds at UCSD, and she designed and implemented a cultural curriculum for psychiatry residents.

While completing her residency, much of which was providing health and psychiatry services at a homeless shelter in downtown San Diego, she created and worked part-time at a psychiatry clinic at



San Diego American Health Center in 2009, a service that continues today.

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Dr. Deer keeps sage available for patients needing psychiatry services that request smudging, which is a cleansing ritual used prior to any traditional Native gathering, prayer or ceremony. A small dream catcher hangs on the adjacent wall. Diego, a Border collie mix that visits the behavioral health clinic a couple times a week, lies quietly in the sunlight. Dr. Deer said he immediately puts patients at ease, some of whom are seeking mental health services for the very first time.

Said SDAIHC Chief Executive Officer Joe Bulfer, "We value the importance of integrating the primary care medical practice with behavioral health services. Because Dr. Deer is board certified in both family medicine and psychiatry, she will be able to integrate the two to a much

higher degree than we have been able to before."

Many staff members are part of the Native community, and Indian symbolism is evident throughout the clinic. Exam rooms have Native motifs stenciled on the walls. Photographs of Native people appear in the clinic, as does Indian art work.

"The traditions of our culture need to be reverberated through the clinic in order for us to be successful at reaching out to the community and providing good care," said the medical director.

A flier is posted on the bulletin board advertising a Wellbriety gathering, "promoting holistic health, sobriety and wellness utilizing Native American cultural teachings, traditions and spirituality," taking place weekly. A notice for the youth center describes service offerings such as tutoring, an American Indian life skills development class, talking circles, intertribal sports, games and field trips.

Medical Providers here treat health problems prevalent in Native communities everywhere, including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease and tobacco dependence, and other health concerns. The health center's goal is to reduce the significant disparities of San Diego's urban American Indian population by increasing access to care and improving the quality of that care.

"Dr. Deer will enable us to excel at the objectives that we set in our strategic plan. In the end it is going to improve patient care," said Mr. Bulfer, CEO.

Part of that plan is to create a medical home for SDAIHC's patients in which all of the patient's health care needs are met under one roof, or coordinated with serv-



ices outside of the health center.

Another part of the plan is to enroll patients in Covered California, the health coverage made available by the Affordable Care Act. This insurance will cover services that the Indian Health Service program does not currently pay for, such as medical specialists, tests, prescription drugs, emergency room visits and hospital care.

But now, for Dr. Deer, it is time to get back to seeing patients. She wears a bracelet of blue, gold and orange beads made by the Menominee tribe. Her stethoscope is adorned with a small band of beads, and she changes into moccasins before walking past the medicine wheel blanket on her wall and heading to the medical clinic. She continues to give back to the Native community in her new role as medical director.

Sycuan Culture Gathering 2014

by Roy Cook

Another 'New Year' with another traditional land area returned and a new page in opportunities to present Kumeyaay traditional song, gaming and tribal hospitality. The Sycuan Band has nearly tripled the size of its reservation and is utilizing it for culture gatherings and recreation. Using gaming profits, the tribe has acquired 2,000 acres over several years and annexed 1,350 acres to the reservation. Another 600 acres will be kept as

separate conservation space.

Over fifty singers of all ages, bands and Colorado River tribes were on the line bringing the songs and activities to the Dehesa valley. Pit cooked beef, beans and handmade tortillas were served to all attendees. It makes my mouth water to think of missing these delights, regretfully my strained knee kept me from being there this time.

Today there are many more occasions on the reservation to learn the songs and be a part of the rich aspects of Kumeyaay culture. In the previous generation many opportunities were linked to someone's passing or the one year memorial wake. Those responsibilities are still a cultural priority but there are now other occasions for the children to participate and indelibly be a part of the Kumeyaay future for all the people. Additional incentive for participation was a dance competition and two step quality songs were led by Paul 'Jr' Cuero. Many singers, many Kumeyaay songs and many invited guests came together for a wonderful start for a new year of possibilities.

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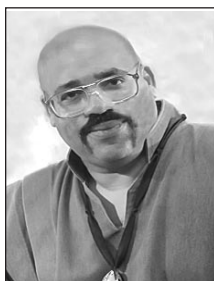


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Black Path Commentary: Critical Analysis on Culture, Community, & Struggle

Honoring the Heritage of Dr. King: Emulating a Model of Moral Magnitude in achieving Optimal Health



by Min. Tukufu Kalonji

Within the unique, awesome, extensive and special narrative of Afro American history there is an expansive list of saints, saviors, prophets, practitioners, and servant

leaders of the good. Both men and women who struggled to bring into being a truly just and moral society. These men and women; teachers of the good; and messengers of moral magnitude, walked righteously in worthiness in the world before history, humanity, and heaven, sought to build what the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King constructs as the Beloved Community; by speaking truth, doing justice, by way of serving God through serving the people! The Most Honorable Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is without a doubt, such a person; and this month of January, we honor him and celebrate his ethical life of service, struggle, and achievement as our ancestor servant leader. His death as does his life provides us very useful lessons on how we are to see ourselves today as the struggle for justice continues in and on all fronts. It is as articulated by another ancestor soldier for rightness and good in the world, Paul Robeson who, in a speech declared "The battlefield is everywhere, there is no sheltered rear."

Therefore, with the battle front everywhere with no sheltered rears then let us review and revere Kings legacy in the context of striving toward excellence in struggle to reach Optimal Health. For clarity the operational definition of optimal health here is the practice of NERDS, i.e., Nutrition, Exercise, Rest, Detoxification, and Stress Management. Moreover, for clarity we use the modifier of Proper to emphasize high quality or excellent before each of the categorical areas, thus Proper nutrition, exercise, rest, detoxification and stress management. Consequently in gaining greater insight as to how we see ourselves, this also implies a greater understanding of ourselves and finally as how we assert ourselves in the world. And in the struggle for optimal health, Rev. King's legacy and lessons is as relevant to our wellbeing and development as it is in any other area of our thought and activity.

Rev. King's legacy is a continued lesson on seeing the value of our life and all human life as sacred. Sacred here means human life is special and not to be violated under any rationale for oppression

and barbarism for humans are by virtue of the creators, the ancestors, and the universe, dignity bearing divine beings. The Americas as a country has yet to learn this lesson as we continue to see the onslaught of racism, class exploitation, sexism, materialism and military imperialism in its varied and sundry forms. For example, the ill gotten immoral wars in the world; which America either initiates, supports or both. The ongoing misappropriation of wealth and power by the ruling race and class; and of focus in this commentary, the insidious policy, programs, and practices of the Unholy Alliance of the Food Industry, the disease Management Industry, Pharmaceutical companies and their assorted cohorts in crime such as the American Medical Association, American Cancer Society, the Food and drug Administration, American Heart Association etc.

In Rev. Kings philosophical stance he deemed us, Black people as the moral vanguard whose social circumstances, pain, and intense spiritual grounding, positions us for a mission of liberation that is divinely inspired, manifested in our thought and action building a liberation movement, with anticipated ramifications of peace, freedom, and an abundance of goodness for all at the end of our days of struggle. There is no where today where Rev. Kings model of moral magnitude could be more needed than engaging the struggle to obtain optimal health as a people.

As I have articulated elsewhere; "Afro Americans, have the highest disparity rates of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, prostate cancer, stroke, heart attacks and related diseases; and San Diego is not exempt from this atrocity as evidenced by County of San Diego, (2013)'s Health Status of Black Residents in San Diego County, (in Critical Issues in the Struggle for Optimal Health; Kalonji, Dec, 2013)." The battle for optimal health will of necessity include efforts in the political, economic, and social realm of human thought and activity. Moreover, like the overall liberation movement, it is both communitarian and personal; and the focal point of this article is primarily in the interest of personal/communitarian development. There are four points of Rev. Kings, philosophy, practice and

model of moral magnitude addressed here. They are his position on Self Help, Revolution, and Activism & Achievement. On Self Help, Rev. King writes us in his seminal text Stride Toward Freedom that "Black people must come to see that there is much we can do about our plight. Whether educated or not, or stricken with poverty; these handicaps most not prevent us from seeing that we have the power to alter our fate." In other words as I have written elsewhere in,

Change begins with one person; as one person changes they affect the rest of the population. One person has the power within them to bring massive change in any circumstance through creating change within themselves. But we cannot bring well-being to others unless we have conquered that in our own life, (in A Maxim for Optimal Health; Kalonji, Dec, 2013).

Moreover, inherent in this position on Self Help is Rev. King's contention that it "is immoral to collaborate in one's own oppression." One collaborates by their accepting oppression, turning a blind eye or ignoring oppression, and become evils accomplice. So a people ignoring its poor state of health and continuing to demonstrate the behavior that got them unhealthy is collaboration in one own oppression. Thus, there is as argued earlier, no reason that we as a people cannot eradicate our health crisis. Regardless of the systemic manipulation by the Unholy Alliance, if we do as the Nguzo Saba principles of Kujichagulia (Self Determination) and Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) instruct us, we no doubt will overturn our weakness and turn it into a strength, subsequently empowering ourselves to be the best of who we are as African peoples living a quality lifestyle free of disease and systemic death predicted and promoted by the established orders disease management mechanisms.

On Revolution, King contends that "indeed we are engaged in revolution, a social movement that changes people and institution; and that our hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a hostile world." Linked to King's position on revolution is his contention that we have the

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CalVet to Co-Host CA Black Veterans Summit

Throughout American history, Black veterans and Black military personnel have played a vital role in the development, economic vitality and security of our State and our Nation. To honor that legacy, CalVet will co-host the first California Black Veterans Summit.

California Black Veterans Summit
February 24, 2014 • 8:00AM-4:30PM
California African American Museum
600 State Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90001

This inaugural Black Veterans Summit seeks to develop lines of communication between the Black veterans' community, Black military history organizations and CalVet. Dynamic speakers will offer key insights on issues that are germane to Black veterans and their environments. Subject matter experts and other panelists will discuss current data and trends to bridge the information gap that exists for Black veterans regarding the education, employment, housing, health and other benefits they have earned through military service and to guide them through the benefits claims process more efficiently.

For more information, call 916-653-1402 or go to <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/Minority/BlackVeteranSummit.aspx> to register.

Southern Indian Health Council Hosts 2nd Annual Native American Veterans Holiday Breakfast

On December 6th, over 80 veterans attended the above event held at the Barona Indian reservation. Mr. Leon Altamirano and Eleanor Miller were the hosts. A fine breakfast was enjoyed by all those who attended. I, Virgil Osuna/Vice Commander for AIVA gave thanks to the Barona Donation Committee for their generous donation toward the purchasing of rifles for our Honor Guard. The rifles will used for military burials and events. Chairman, Clifford LaChappa presented a check at this event. On behalf of all veterans, we thank the Barona Band for their support and dedication.

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Christmas Day Freedom Fighters: Hidden History of the Seminole Anticolonial Struggle

by William Katz

On Christmas day 1837, 176 years ago, the Africans and Native Americans who formed Florida's Seminole Nation defeated a vastly superior U.S. invading army bent on cracking this early rainbow coalition and returning the Africans to slavery. The Seminole victory stands as a milestone in the march of American liberty. Though it reads like a Hollywood thriller, this amazing story has yet to capture public attention. It is absent from most school textbooks, social studies courses, Hollywood movies, and TV.

This daring Seminole story begins around the time of the American Revolution when 55 "Founding Fathers" broke free of British colonialism and wrote the Declaration of Independence. About the same time, Seminoles—suffering ethnic persecution under Creek rule in Alabama and Georgia—fled south to seek independence. Africans who has escaped bondage and became among its first explorers welcomed them to Florida.

The Africans did more than offer Seminole families a haven. They taught them methods of rice cultivation they had learned in Senegambia and Sierra Leone, Africa. Then the two peoples of color forged a

Lucinda Fixico the Indian Princess of Seminole County

Earlier, this year, a gentleman contacted me from Seminole County, Oklahoma, with information that solved a decades old mystery for the Fixico family. My relatives and Ancestors who came to California were Black Indian Refugees from Oklahoma. When they fled Oklahoma after my grandfather Pompey Bruner Fixico was gunned down, in Wewoka, Okla. The result of which, saw the perpetrator, go free just like, George Zimmerman did in the Trayvon Martin tragedy. My family who came here from Oklahoma, brought many things, however, what was left behind was the truth. One unsolved mystery was "Whatever happened to Pompey's older sister Lucinda Fixico"? The Gentleman who contacted me, had information that solved part of the puzzle. He is White male in his 40's and was not only born and raised in Seminole County, his family owns the land where, Lucinda Fixico, my Great-aunt and Pompey's sister is buried (see photo). He has known about her tombstone for 40 years. The tombstone was so expensive for the area, that the local legend was that she must have been a Princess with magical powers.

My new hero, is named, Kevin Brinker, formerly a detective with the Wewoka, OK Police Department of Seminole County, he wants to submit the story known locally as, "Lucinda Fixico, the Indian Princess of Seminole County", to the "Oprah" Production and Publishing Empire. Let's see if this episode, of a tremendous saga will finally

capture the imagination of America and the world. I believe our history can be revealed by looking at the current descendants of the Pioneers who settled the land and the Children, of the era of Slavery and Indian Removal. The effects of Manifest Destiny are not on trial, but we must look at it's effects, in order to understand how we

all, can come together in the spirit of Reconciliation. I have worked on this question for 14 years, what Mr. Brinker did marks an important milestone. If they assign a Producer and a Writer to the idea, there is more than enough content and documentation to make it a candidate for production. Another, phase of this cross country, episode is that Kevin Brinker, who is a wonderful human being, got interested in the story enough to encourage the county's oldest area newspaper, "The Seminole Producer" to do a story on it. The paper is published by Mr. Stu Phillips, his Senior Editor is Karen Anson, a famous author in her own right, Ms. Anson wrote a Frontpage masterpiece, that is worthy of serious praise. Therefore, the Bureau of Black Indian Affairs, recommended that this, "Salt of the earth" trio be recognized by the "Semiroon Historical Society". Mr. Kevin Brinker, has been presented with the "Humanitarian of the year Award 2013", and Owner/Publisher Mr. Stu Phillips, has been given a "Lifetime Achievement Award 2013" and finally Ms. Anson has



received the award for "The Best Journalist 2013". The story was named, "Play Could Begin Renaissance for Seminole Culture" the play in question was being performed in Los Angeles at the prestigious Los Angeles Theater Center. It was entitled, "the road weeps, the well runs dry". It was written by Marcus Gardley and Directed by Shirley Finney, both of whom are descendants of Oklahoma Black Indians. Finding the location of Lucinda Fixico's resting place, has not answered all the questions, but it did prove that there are great people on the West coast and in Seminole County, that have have much in common. The fact that this story crossed-over to a location where the demographics are approximately, 70% White, 19% Indian and 6% Black, proves that a Hollywood movie could be successful. The idea of which is being circulated in Hollywood right now, I know because, I'm circulating it.

All the best, Phil "Pompey" Fixico, Seminole Maroon Descendant, California Semiroon Mico (Nation of One).



Seminole Chief Osceola (1804–1838). Image: WikiCommons.

prosperous multicultural nation and a military alliance ready to withstand the European invaders and slave catchers. The Seminoles were led by such skilled military figures and diplomats as Osceola, Wild Cat, and John Horse.

This alliance drove U.S. slaveholders to sputtering fury. They saw Seminole unity, prosperity, and guns as a lethal threat to their plantation system. Here was a beacon that enticed escapees

and offered them a military base of operations. Further, these peaceful communities destroyed the slaveholder myth that Africans required white control.

And these armed black and Indian communities lived a stone's throw from the southern U.S. border. The U.S. Constitution of 1789 embraced slavery and protected slaveholder interests. From George Washington to the Civil War, slave owners sat in the White House two-thirds of the time, were two-thirds of speakers of the House of Representatives, two-thirds of presidents of the U.S. Senate, and 20 of 35 U.S. Supreme Court justices. With the support of their Northern trading partners—merchants and businessmen, and the politicians who served them—slaveholders were able to direct U.S. foreign policy.

Slaveholders and their allies kept up a drumbeat for U.S. military intervention in Florida, and in 1811 President James Madison authorized covert U.S. invasions by slave-catching posses called "Patriots." Then in 1816, General Andrew Jackson ordered General Gaines to attack the Seminole alliance and "restore the stolen Negroes to their rightful owners." A major U.S. assault began

on hundreds of people living in "Fort Negro" on the Apalachicola River. As U.S. Army Colonel Clinch sailed down the Apalachicola he wrote: "The American Negroes had principally settled along the river and a number of them had left their fields and gone over to the Seminoles on hearing of our approach. Their cornfields extended nearly fifty miles up the river and their numbers were daily increasing."

When a heated U.S. cannonball hit Fort Negro's ammunition dump, the explosion killed most of its more than 300 defenders. The survivors were marched back to slavery. Then in 1818 General Jackson invaded and claimed Florida, the United States "purchased" it (\$5,000,000) from Spain in 1819, and sent a U.S. army of occupation for "pacification."

But suddenly the U.S. faced the largest slave revolt in its history, its busiest Underground Railroad station, and the strongest African/Indian alliance in North America. The multicultural

The Civil War as a War Against Bondage/War of Genocide

On August 1, 1865, John Evans was removed from his post as Governor of Colorado by Secretary of State Seward for being the official who presided over and ordered the Sand Creek massacre. The Congressional Joint Committee on the Conduct of the Civil War investigating Sand Creek had called for his resignation.

Evans was a friend and associate of the Republican Party with Lincoln and they had been involved in the railways together in Illinois. Lincoln is famed for extending the Union Pacific, as Marx put it in Capital, with the “speed of seven league boots” across the whole country .

The Union Pacific had gone through Kansas where officials, threatening coercion, had negotiated with the indigenous people to leave their lands and hunting grounds. This was part of a process of belligerence, thievery, killing and settling other people on the land. It imposed grave hardship on indigenous people. They had to change their way of life, become farmers among whites, or farmers on reservations, and they were made dependent on American promises. They were continuously expelled into “Indian Territories,” no longer independent nations but racial subordinates to the United States Government.

Some cooperated to an extent, to save themselves: the Pawnee, for example, against the Sioux. It was, over time, ethnic cleansing. American leaders, for instance, General William Tecumseh Sherman, spoke of exterminating native americans... “St. Louis, December 28, 1866.

General Grant: Just arrived in time to attend the funeral of my adjutant general, Sawyer. I have given general instructions to General Cooke about the Sioux. I do not yet understand how the massacre of Colonel Fetterman’s party could have been so complete. We must act with vindictive earnestness against the

Sioux, even to their extermination, men, women and children. Nothing less will reach the root of this case. W. T. Sherman, Lieutenant General” With the surrender of the Confederacy, the War against bondage ended in 1865. But the War of genocide extended from before the Civil War, was heightened during it in the West (the driving of indigenous people out of Mankato and Minnesota as well as Colorado), and extended in the Great Indian Wars till the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890. Starting with Lincoln’s Presidency, one might date this Civil War from 1861-1890.

John Evans professor at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver

History is Important

by refixico

A great thinker named George Santayana, once said: “Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it”.

The world forgot the African Holocaust of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Holocaust of the Native American 500 Year War. By forgetting the past of others we repeated similar events, like the Jewish Holocaust of World War II.

Hitler’s actions, proved Santayana’s point. Hitler didn’t forget the past, he mentioned in his book, “Mein Kampf”, that in his opinion, the American Indians presented the same situation to the “Aryans” of America, as the Jews did, to the “Aryans” of Germany. He applauded the techniques used by the American Presidents Jackson and Van Buren during the Indian Removal Era, that led to the, “Trail of Tears” of the 1830’s and he used the same tactics on a much bigger scale.

As our technology, increases our need to be mindful of historical similarities must also increase. When Hitler applied the technological advances of his day, to the logistical strategies of 1830’s America, the effect was exponentially more devastating.

Yes, history is important. It’s crucial, that we continue to use education and commemorate the good and the not so good. If we face those realities, we can better promote and celebrate more positive paradigms for our future. I have been blessed to have had my Semiroon Historical Society confirmed as a Private Sector Partner, for the U.S. Dept. of Interior/National Parks Service/National Underground Railroad/Network to Freedom Program. I intend to show my respect for the Past, by working in the Present, with this worthy program to ensure a brighter Future, for everyone, regardless of race, religion, color or creed.

Yours Truly,
Phil “Pompey” Fixico, Private Sector Partner, NUGRR/NTF

Seminole Struggle

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Seminole forces carefully moved families out of harm’s way from 1816 to 1858 as they resisted the U.S. through three “Seminole Wars.” Today many Seminoles still claim they never surrendered.

In June 1837 Major General Sidney Thomas Jesup, the best informed U.S. officer in Florida, described the danger posed by the Seminole alliance: “The two races, the Negro and the Indian, are rapidly approximating; they are identical in interests and feelings ... Should the Indians remain in this territory the Negroes among them will form a rallying point for runaway Negroes from the adjacent states; and if they remove, the fastness of the country will be immediately occupied by Negroes.”

Then on Christmas Day 1837, 380 to 480 Seminole fighters gathered on the northeast corner of Florida’s Lake Okeechobee ready to halt the armies of Colonel Zachary Taylor, a Louisiana slaveholder and ambitious career soldier. He was building a reputation as an “Indian killer.” Taylor’s troops included 70 Delaware Indians, 180 Tennessee volunteers, and 800 U.S. infantry soldiers.

As Taylor’s huge army approached, Seminole marksmen waited perched in trees or hiding in tall grass. The first Seminole volleys sent the Delaware fleeing. Tennessee riflemen plunged ahead until a withering fire brought down their commissioned officers and then their noncommissioned officers. The Tennesseans headed home.

Then Taylor ordered the U.S. Sixth Infantry, Fourth Infantry, and his own First Infantry Regiments forward. Pinpoint Seminole rifle fire brought down, he later reported, “every officer, with one exception, as well as most of the noncommissioned officers” and left “but four ... untouched.” That Christmas Day Colonel Taylor counted 26 U.S. dead and 112 wounded, seven dead for each slain Seminole, and he had taken no prisoners. After the two and a half hour battle the Seminoles took to their canoes and sailed off to fight again.

Lake Okeechobee became the most decisive U.S. defeat in more than four decades of Florida warfare. But after his survivors limped back to Fort Gardner, Taylor declared victory—the Indians were driven in every direction.” The U.S. Army promoted him and he later became the 12th president of the United States.

Lake Okeechobee took place during the Second Seminole War that took 1,500 U.S. military lives, cost Congress \$40,000,000 (pre-Civil War dollars!), and left thousands of American soldiers wounded or dead of disease. Seminole losses were not recorded.

The truth of Lake Okeechobee remained buried. When President Taylor died in office, in Illinois Abraham Lincoln memorialized him on July 25, 1850. “He was never beaten,” Lincoln said, and added: “ ... in 1837 he fought and conquered in the memorable Battle of Lake Okeechobee, one of the most desperate struggles known to the annals of Indian warfare.”

A century and a half later noted Harvard historian and author Arthur Schlesinger Jr. wrote in *The Almanac of American History*: “Fighting in the Second Seminole War, General Zachary Taylor defeats a group of Seminoles at Okeechobee Swamp, Florida.” Some textbooks such as Holt McDougal’s *United States History* (2012) now reference the Seminole Wars. However they classify them not as anticolonial struggles, but as minor impediments in “Manifest Destiny’s” triumphant march.

The United States needs to face its past. Americans of all ages have a right to know and to celebrate the freedom fighters who built this country, all of them. Our schools, children, teachers, and parents deserve to learn about a daring Christmas day that has been too long neglected and distorted.

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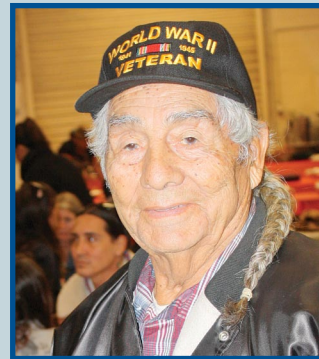


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CELEBRATION

Joe Renteria was honored on Saturday, December 7th at a luncheon hosted by the American Indian Heritage Foundation at Barrio Station, 2175 Newton Ave.

The winter celebration is held in San Diego to honor American Indian leaders in the community to recognize them for their work and contribution to the world. A massive outpouring from our indigenous community came out

to enjoy, celebrate and honor each other. Much enthusiasm and support from the volunteers inspired by Paula Brim made this a memorable and heart felt occasion. Flute playing, feasting and storytelling made a great holiday event

Joe Renteria, a retired Naval Photographer was presented with many awards by the Events Committee Chair, Ms. Paula Brim.



Nevada Governor's Conference on Tourism

December 3-5
Bethany Drysdale and the Nevada Tourist Bureau brought together a dynamic business networking event. Held at the Red Rock Casino in Las Vegas, industry leaders from around the world came to exchange ideas and opportunities. Chinese and Japanese tourist professionals were eager to reach out to the attendees.
Although snow storms prevented the Governor from attending the conference was an enormous success.



A Tongva Calendar Story

Edited Excerpt by Valena Dismukes from an article by Bryn Barabas Potter

For some Native Californians, the New Year begins on Winter Solstice. For the Tongva (Gabrielino), the New Year will begin on December 21, 2013, followed by a year of ten months. For the first time, a modern calendar based on the traditional Tongva has been printed.

Most of the world has been following the familiar twelve-month Gregorian calendar since 1582. Prior to that, other civilizations devised their form of tracking the years. In terms of timekeeping, what was happening in Southern California? The question intrigued Glenn Miller, Jr, a local astronomer of Tongva

descent who currently teaches astronomy at Pasadena City College. As he learned more about his maternal heritage, he came across the 1822 writings of Friar Boscana that mentioned the traditional indigenous year.

Ever the scientist, Miller took on a challenge---to recreate an indigenous California version of 2013. He brought the idea to a group of volunteers at the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (the Center), and the idea evolved. With a committee composed of Kat High, Glenn Miller, Jr., Bryn Potter, Peggy Ronning, Valena Dismukes, the idea slowly evolved. Miller's Tongva heritage, use of Tongva words, and the location of the Tongva homeland in the San

Gabriel Mountains is what made this version "A Tongva Calendar."

A Tongva Calendar is innovative and cutting-edge, yet also basic and ancient. How does a ten-month year work? Simply put, the year begins on the Winter Solstice. Months generally start with the new crescent Moon. As lunar phases vary year to year, "vacant days" occur which don't belong to any month. In this calendar, months 5 and 10 have "vacant days," noted by a slightly different color.

This is a useable, contemporary calendar, full-color, 8.5 x 11 wall calendar with beautiful Native American artwork to enjoy day and boxes for each day in which to write notes. The Gregorian and Tongva systems are artfully combined, with an unexpected twist but still in a functional format. Astronomical events

like solstices and eclipses are noted, as are Daylight Saving Time and American holidays. Days are listed Sunday through Saturday with standard Gregorian numbering and Tongva names. Most of the months include information about the Tongva culture and language.

By looking at months in a different way, maybe minds can be opened to an alternate way of viewing the year. Malcolm Margolin (author, and publisher of HeyDay books) summed it up in these words: "It is an art project that will allow people to reconceptualize their world."

A Tongva Calendar is available at Haramokngna for \$20. All of the proceeds of this volunteer production will benefit the Center and its programs. To order, visit the Haramokngna website (Haramokngna.org).

A San Diego Political Sea Change as David Alvarez Fights for Barrio Logan

Barrio Logan is in the eye of a political hurricane in San Diego. Recognizing that politics is local, David Alvarez, a Home Grown Home Boy is indelibly connected to this community. He could not be better positioned to lead the charge for the people that he represents. Affordable housing advocates, union and community groups are allied with him against corporated funded referendums. "Juntos venceremos" they chanted.

Barrio Logan is a neighborhood in San Diego, California bordered by East Village and Logan Heights to the North, Shelltown and Southcrest to the East, San Diego Bay to the West, and National City to the South. I-5 forms the Northeastern boundary.

In 1871, Congressman John A. Logan wrote legislation to provide federal land grants and subsidies for a transcontinental railroad ending in San Diego. A street laid in was named Logan Heights after him,

and the name came to be applied to the general area. Plans for a railroad never successfully materialized, and the area was predominantly residential by the turn of the century, becoming one of San Diego's oldest communities. Its transformation began in 1910 with the influx of refugees of the Mexican Revolution, who soon became the majority ethnic group. For this reason, the southern part of the original Logan Heights neighborhood came to be called Barrio Logan.

The area was originally residential with access to the beach at San Diego Bay. During World War II this beach access was lost due to the expansion of Naval Station San Diego and other military facilities on the waterfront. The neighborhood continued to degrade during the 1950s and 1960s due to rezoning that permitted industrial uses, the construction of Interstate 5 through the heart of the community in 1963, and the construction of

the San Diego-Coronado Bridge in 1969, which covered much of the community with a concrete "roof" supported by gray concrete pillars. The city council promised to build a community park under the bridge approaches, and a site was approved in June 1969. When construction began in April 1970 at the designated site, but the community learned that the work was intended to create a state building instead of a park, there was a non-violent community uprising. Students and others occupied the site and forced a halt to the construction. The occupation of the site lasted twelve days. Residents planted landscaping, and a local artist, Salvador Torres, proclaimed his vision of covering the freeway support pillars with murals. After intense negotiation between the city and the state (which owned the land in question), the site was reclaimed for park use, and Chicano Park was built and dedicated. It was expanded several times and in 1990 it was extended all the way to the bay, restoring beach access to the community

Barrio Logan is the home of Chicano



Bobby Godinez, President of the Shipyard Workers Union Local 1998. He says all unionized shipyard workers support the Barrio Logan Community Plan and will vote against repealing it. "The Maritime Industry gave us lies and deception."

Park, a Chicano-themed public park created in large part by the local residents. It is located at the site of a 1970s demonstration, land takeover, and cultural renaissance for the Mexican-American community. It features more than 60 colorful murals painted on the concrete support piers for the San Diego-Coronado Bridge

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Rally to Vote NO on Fast Tracking the TPP

Coalition calls on Rep. Susan Davis to Join Bipartisan Opposition

Congress' Constitutional Duty Would Be Usurped by Fast Track!

As we mark 20 years since the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the potential impacts on working people of the secretly negotiated TPP are cast in stark relief. Under NAFTA, the United States suffered a net loss of 700,000 jobs to Mexico, as manufacturers took advantage of Mexico's cheap labor and lack of environmental and safety standards. Labor unions and human rights groups point out that fair labor standards have either eroded or were simply nonexistent in both countries during the past two decades.

A 2012 Angus Reid Public Opinion



"Hit it" chimes Norrie Robbins (left) of Occupellas.

poll says more than half of Americans want the U.S. to withdraw or renegotiate NAFTA. Only 15 percent believe that the U.S. should continue its current participation in NAFTA. When President Obama ran in 2008, he said he voted against the Central American Free Trade Agreement, he never supported NAFTA, and that he would not support NAFTA-style free trade agreements in the future. Yet now he is aggressively pushing the the TPP, which has been described by critics as "NAFTA on steroids."

Kicking off the Rally is Richard Barrera, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council which includes 135 affiliated unions. He is also a twice-elected Trustee of the San Diego Unified School District, the second-largest school district in California.

"Fast tracking trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership hurt America's working families by eliminating access to a reasoned and thoughtful democratic process. We urge Congress to vote 'no' on rushing through any deal that favors corporate profits over the rights of American workers." — Richard Barrera, Secretary - Treasurer, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council

The celebrated Occupellas choral group of Women Occupy San Diego performed

Fast Tracking the secret, undemocrat-



Mt. Rushmore cries out for a leader.

ic Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) is expected to be introduced in Congress when it returns from holiday recess today, and it could be voted on between January 8-11. If Fast Tracking passes, there will be virtually no Congressional debate on the TPP, which has been negotiated in secret by the Obama Administration and 600 corporate lobbyists with 10 other nations. For more info on the TPP, see <http://www.citizen.org/tpp/>

Congressmembers Susan Davis and Darrell Issa have not joined their San Diego County delegation colleagues Duncan Hunter, Scott

Peters and Juan Vargas in opposing Fast Tracking. Women Occupy San Diego and the San Diego Overpass Light Brigade are working in a national coalition of 400+ labor, environmental, health, democracy and other advocacy groups to target our local Congressmembers with phone calls to Vote NO on Fast Tracking the TPP, and this Rally is intended to highlight the importance of this vote. We call upon Congresswoman Davis to join 178 of her colleagues from BOTH PARTIES who have publicly opposed Fast Tracking to Vote NO on "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority or any other mechanism that continues to exclude Congress from having a meaningful role in the formative stages of trade agreements and throughout negotiating and approval processes.



TPP protestors in front of Congresswoman Susan Davis' office.

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Adelson's Bad Bet

"If Churchill were alive today, he would have said about this election, 'Never have so few spent so much to affect so little.'" — James Carville

The gaming industry won most of its battles at the ballot box, but lost the public relations war.

In Maryland, voters passed Question 7, 52% to 48%. This will not only allow the five previously authorized slot casinos to add table games, it permits a giant sixth Las Vegas style casino, right next to Washington, DC. MGM's Prince George's County casino will have as many as 3,000 slot machines.

Rhode Island voters approved adding table games to the slot halls at Twin River and Newport Grand, giving the state two full-scale casinos. Geneseo, Illinois, voters narrowly recommended the city have video gaming.

Oregon again voted against privately owned casinos. But that is mixed news, since it would have meant competition to the state's Indian casinos.

The continuing Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate means Nevada casinos keep one of the best friends they have ever had, Harry Reid (D.-NV), as majority leader. Tribal gaming also keeps its friend, Barack Obama, as president, and added individuals like Heidi Heitkamp (D.-ND)

to the upper house. For Internet gaming, die-hard supporter Barney Frank (D.-MA) may have retired, but so did opponent Jon Kyl (R.-AZ).

All of these successes pale in the face to the major p.r. hit casinos took in the media on November 6 and the days that followed. The fault lies primarily with two individuals: Donald Trump and Sheldon Adelson. But Steve Wynn and Penn National Gaming did their share to hurt gaming's reputation.

There is not much to say about Trump. I have to admit that I used to admire him. I have taught law school classes in negotiating, and I respect not only his skill but his willingness to do whatever it takes to win. When one of his Atlantic City casinos went bankrupt, he threatened the bondholders to tie up the proceedings in messy litigation for years. He knew as an equity holder he had almost no legal rights. But he also knew the lenders were big investors from Japan, who would do anything to avoid having their names dragged into a public fight. So, they let Trump keep his name on the casinos, and gave him shares in the new business.

Similarly, I often work as a consultant and expert witness. This means getting people to know my name, so they will hire me. Until recently, no one could compete with Trump when it came to self-promotion.

But his lack of restraint led to headlines like this:

"Trump calls for revolution, blasts

Electoral College"

"Donald Trump goes berserk on election night"

"Donald Trump Wins Election Night's 'Most Unhinged Conservative' Award"

NBC reporter Brian Williams said, on-air, "Donald Trump, who has driven well past the last exit to relevance and peered into something closer to irresponsible here, is tweeting tonight." Trump's response led to new headlines: "Donald Trump Twitter Tirade Continues with Criticism of Brian Williams."

Trump was most upset that Barack Obama appeared to have won the electoral college but not the popular vote. Trump had not complained in 2000, when George W. Bush was elected president with fewer votes than Al Gore. Common sense would have told Trump to wait until the votes from the West Coast had been counted: Obama beat Mitt Romney by more than 3 million votes.

Fortunately for the gaming industry, Trump is so well known, that most stories never mentioned his casinos. Not so with Sheldon Adelson.

Adelson bet very big on Romney and other conservative Republicans in nine Senate races. Many stories noted that the money he contributed in 2012 made him the largest political donor in American history. And every news report included his ownership of casinos.

All of his money was wasted, with the possible exception that the GOP kept the U.S. Senate seat in Nevada. But it was more than thrown away: Adelson actually campaigned against himself.

The owner of the Las Vegas Sands ("LVS") started the year as the biggest backer of Newt Gingrich. There is general agreement that without Adelson's millions, Gingrich would have dropped out of the primaries after his early losses. Instead, Gingrich had the cash to run attack ad after attack ad against Romney, focusing on his "vulture capitalism" at Bain Capital. This reinforced the image of Romney that the Obama campaign was pushing. And it extended the primary fights, forcing Romney to take extreme right-wing positions that were caught on tape.

Forbes lists Adelson as the 11th richest

American, and his political contributions show just how much money he has. Americans have trouble thinking about the difference between "million" and "billion." I like the British terminology better, which calls the larger number "a thousand million."

Adelson has somewhere around \$25 thousand million, give or take a few thousand million. This means he has more money than was spent by Obama and Romney and the Democratic and Republican parties and all independent groups on the presidential election – four times as much. Ironically, he probably made more money under Obama than any other individual. His LVS stock was at \$5 a share when Obama took office; it is now above \$43.

Adelson gave people like Romney and Karl Rove about \$53 million. This is an enormous amount, for an election. But not for Adelson. As a nice comparison, a couple of weeks after the election, Adelson had LVS declare a special dividend, giving him about \$1.2 billion. That's \$1,200 million; \$53 million really is the size of a rounding error.

It is about two-tenths of one percent of his assets. If you own a home that is above water and have some money in the bank, you might be worth about \$100,000. Donating 0.2% would mean just writing a check for \$200.

The problem for the gaming industry is that it looks like it is filled with people with money to burn, and who have their own agendas at best, or who are divorced from reality at worst.

Howard Stutz wrote an "Inside Gaming" column in the Las Vegas Review-Journal entitled "Piles of cash, torrents of tweets and lots of crazy." In it, he discussed not only Trump and Adelson, but also Wynn's constant attacks on President Obama.

Wynn characterized Obama as a socialist, while praising Communist China. Here are the actual quotes: "The guy keeps making speeches about redistribution, and maybe we ought to do something to businesses that don't invest, they're holding too much money. We haven't heard that kind of talk except

The Pauma Band of Mission Indians Honors Vets

by Adam Rodriguez

The Pauma Band of Mission Indians honored their Veterans at a ceremony on November 9, 2013 at 11:00 am at their Graveyard in Pauma Valley.

The first Veteran Memorial was made out of adobe and over the years has deteriorated. The Pauma Tribe wanted to honor their Veterans before the Veteran Day Holiday. The names of the Pauma Tribal Veterans will be on a temporary

nameplate until their bronze plate is ready after Veterans Day.

The Tribes Gaming Revenue funded the Pauma Tribal Veteran's Memorial.

Father Ray, from the Pala Mission conducted the Blessing of the Memorial.

In addition the Southern California Veterans Association Honor Guard conducted the customary military honors

A festive lunch followed the ceremony at the Pauma Tribal Hall.



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moral right and responsibility to resist wrong include disobeying the established orders and unjust laws. Thus in the context of our struggle of prevention and intervention of disease disparity and death of our community, we are obligated by history and heaven to rise up in opposition to evil and wrong doing as King states "that when man-made law conflicts with moral reasoning, we not only have the right but also, the responsibility to resist it. Rev. King goes onto say that "justice will not come from court decision or legislation but rather form a "rad-

ical restructuring of our society"; and that is ever evident in the struggle for liberation via reaching optimal health in our community.

Lastly, Rev. King's stance on Activism & Achievement is affirmed through his contention that "Freedom is never given to anybody, activism is necessary to achieve libration because oppression does not yield unless strong pressure is applied against it by the oppressed." Furthermore, King argues that after one has discovered what he/she is made of and for, they should surrender all of the power of their very being to the achievement of their goals" Rev. King urged excellence in work o matter what the

work might be." Therefore I contend that without any doubt whatsoever, in order to do as Rev King rightly encourages us to do we must also adhere to the principle and practices of the Nguzo Saba principle, Nia (Purpose), which states "to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness" and part of our greatness is that our ancestors brought to the world naturopathic protocols for living long and prosperous healthy lives. Therefore we have no business playing cultural children to Europe and its descendant, buying into their profit making schemes about health and medicines

and dying at unparalleled rates in comparison to other others in the process.

In the final analysis, it is up to us Black people to continue our legacy as being this country's moral vanguard and thus let us remain steadfast and compelled to build on Rev Kings legacy and honor his heritage by assuming and infusing his positions and Practices of Self Help, Revolution, Activism & Achievement in our struggle to establish a Model of Moral Magnitude in achieving Optimal Health !

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Reid, Sandoval Announce Nevada Selected As UAV Development Center

Sandoval Announce Nevada Selected As UAV Development Center Washington, D.C. – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced that Nevada has been selected as one of six locations to be a center for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) development in the United States. As a UAV development site, the most likely economic forecast shows that there could be thousands of jobs for UAS direct employees with an average wage of approximately \$62,000; an estimated \$2.5 billion in economic impact in present dollars; and an estimated \$125 million in annual state and local tax revenue.

“This is wonderful news for Nevada that creates a huge opportunity for our economy,” said Senator Harry Reid. “Nevada has long been a leader in the UAS Industry, and no state makes a better candidate than ours. With this application approval, Nevada will continue to lead in new and innovative technologies of the 21st century, along with creating a large and profitable industry. I appreciate the work of all those involved and I look forward to working with Governor Sandoval to ensure a successful implementation of the award, and subsequent creation of the testing sites in Nevada.” “Being selected as one of six sites for UAV development in the country is a historic moment for Nevada,” Governor Brian Sandoval said. “With the climate and air space of Nevada, we are uniquely equipped to help expand the development of UAVs.

We have also partnered with private industry and academia to establish the curriculum necessary to create the UAS civilian workforce of the future in Nevada. Our state has been preparing for this selection and we are ready to enter this new era of aviation history. I thank Senator Reid for his tireless work on this issue and the opportunity to work together on this momentous day for our state.” In 2012, Senator Reid led passage of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, establishing the Federal Aviation Administration program to begin testing for the integration of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles--commonly referred to as drones--into the National Airspace System.

Awarding Nevada the FAA test sites will have far reaching implications on the economy of Nevada. The range of

jobs created includes, but is not limited to: teachers, machinists, aircraft mechanics, software developers, electrical engineers, and human resource professionals. The selection follows Nevada's application, submitted to the FAA in May of 2013. Nevada's application included the state as the direct applicant, and a 28 member team including the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Nevada National Guard, Bowhead Systems, Navigator Development and Drone America.

Team members, who represented a cross-section of public and private partners, industry and academic leaders, within the northern and southern regions of the state, identified three Test Ranges and four test sites in the State's Application. “The FAA designation of Nevada as a UAS Test Site is an incredible step forward for the State of Nevada,” said Steve Hill, Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. “It allows us to establish a leadership role and be at the forefront of a new and important future industry.

The job creation and economic impact will be significant - growing during the testing phase and expanding as Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) becomes a commercial industry. We look forward to working with the FAA and other Test Sites to develop an industry that is safe and secure while creating good jobs and providing the benefits that stem from commercial applications. I want to thank everyone who directly worked to make this a reality, and I also want to thank elected officials and communities throughout Nevada for their unwavering support.”

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from pure socialists.” “September will be our fifth anniversary in the People's Republic of China in Macau, and we love it there. We are so grateful to be part of that market and to be allowed to participate in that community. We find the political environment, the regulatory environment, the human resource environment that we're in to be absolutely delicious.”

Stutz also wrote about Penn National Gaming's over the top attacks on Maryland's Question 7, which feared the potential competitors that would be created for its West Virginia casino. This

Barrio Logan

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and Interstate 5. It was designated an official historic site by the San Diego Historical Site Board in 1980.

Barrio Logan is part of City Council District 8 represented by Councilman David Alvarez. The Barrio Logan Community Planning Area was granted status as a redevelopment area but the state of California abolished all redevelopment areas in 2012.

Barrio Logan is home to the Naval Station San Diego, also known as 32nd Street Naval Station, as well as the NASS-CO shipyard and other military-related facilities, which is where the have vs the havenots turf war begins.

At a recent press conference Alvarez stated “out-of state billionaires launched and funded a referendum process to scare voters and overturn the democratically created and approved plan. I put my trust in the voters to see the referendum process for what it is. A greedy attempt to keep the status quo at the expense of the hard working residents in an attempt to hijack our community.

included funding ads attacking legal gaming as creating compulsive gamblers and underage betting.

Elections matter. They not only determine who wins and how they will govern. They also focus the public's attention on issues that they otherwise ignore.

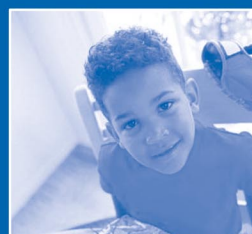
It is important to win. But it is more important not to lose in a way that completely destroys your credibility forever.

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Congress passed historic provisions in the Violence Against Women Act by restoring criminal jurisdiction to Indian tribes over non-Indians who commit domestic violence in Indian Country.

Congress awarded long overdue gold medals to Native American Code Talkers who were invaluable to help end both World Wars. Much awareness and understanding has been brought to bear about the denigrating effects of the name

“Washington Redskins.” I sincerely hope that the team’s owner will change this name that is so offensive to Native Americans and their history.

The first Native American woman, Diane Humetewa, has been nominated to the federal bench in Arizona—something that I look forward to moving along in the Senate.

In Nevada, final distribution of the Western Shoshone judgment was made to tribal members. I worked on this matter for many years to make sure that the Department of the Interior kept its obligation to make these final payments. But we

still have so much work to do.

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act expired in September. These programs are crucial to building homes, infrastructure and communities in Indian Country. I remain committed to working with the Committee on Indian Affairs to bring this bill to the floor and to the President’s desk.

Construction of the largest commercial solar power plant on Indian Lands is scheduled to begin in full in early 2014.

The Moapa Band of Paiutes’ project will create dozens of jobs, and contribute to the tribe’s economy while creating energy

independence. And we must continue to work on reauthorizing energy and other tax extenders which are so important for continued investment in developing energy independence in Indian Country.

Under sequestration we must work harder to protect tribal programs like the Indian Health Service from harsh funding cuts.

As the Majority Leader of the Senate, and Nevada’s Senior Senator, I look forward to working with the tribes in Nevada and the rest of Indian Country to ensure that Congress upholds its trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

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